743 In addition many organizations perform
758 voluntary work in the field of public health. The most important of these is General Mannerheim's Child Welfare League, which maintains clinics all over the country and formerly even took care of the training of the health nurses. It also maintains a special children's center, the Children's Castle, in Helsinki, for the training of nurses. In 1947 there were 1250 stations, communal and private, for maternity and nursing advice in the country.

743 The following table shows the general pro-
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758 gress in medical care during the time of Finland's independence:

	1917	1947
Hospitals	303	550
Beds in hospitals and lunatic asylums	10758	29150

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Hospital beds (December 31, 1949):

Type of hospital	State	Communal groups	Cities	Rural communes	Private	Altogether	Per 1000 persons
General	4295	--	1925	1999	1752	9971	2.53
Mental	1470	5289	1915	60	63	8797	2.24
Tuberculosis	210	4249	886	86	710	6141	1.56
Maternity	434	--	424	349	298	1505	0.38
Venereal diseases	370	--	--	--	--	370	0.09
Epidemic diseases	--	--	1083	1750	--	2833	0.72
Epilepsy	--	--	--	--	161	161	0.04